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Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *The New York Times Company v. U.S. Department of State, et al.*,  
19 Civ. 9420 (PAE)

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

This Office represents defendants United States Department of State and United States Department of Justice (“Defendants”) in the above-referenced matter, which was brought pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (“FOIA”). We write respectfully to request an extension, from December 30, 2019 to January 13, 2020, of Defendants’ deadline to answer the complaint. Because of long-scheduled holiday travel plans and the need to coordinate with multiple agency counsel, Defendants request an additional two weeks to prepare and file their responsive pleading. This is Defendants’ first request for an extension of the answer deadline, and counsel for plaintiff The New York Times Company consents to the requested extension.

We thank the Court for its consideration of and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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